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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: PRO-DPRK APPROACH REGARDING
WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTIONS

REF: A) USUN 3736; B) SCRANTON-HABIB TELECON, SEPTEMBER 20

1. AMBASSADOR DATCU OF ROMANIA (CHAIRMAN OF EASTERN
EUROPEAN GROUP) CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON
MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20. DATCU SAID HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED
BY NORTH KOREANS AND THAT LATTER WERE INSTRUCTED TO
SEEK WITHDRAWAL OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION. DATCU ASKED FOR
SCRANTON'S COOPERATION. SCRANTON ASSURED HIM HE WOULD HAVE IT.
DATCU ADDED EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP WOULD MEET BEFORE LUNCH.

2. SCRANTON THEN CALLED ON ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK
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TO DISCUSS THIS. PARK SAID HE HOPED THAT WITHDRAWAL OF

RESOLUTIONS COULD BE ARRANGED BECAUSE OUR SIDE HAS BEEN MAKING CLEAR SINCE THE BEGINNING ITS DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. PARK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION OF "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE". HE SAID THAT IF OTHER SIDE WOULD PLEDGE FORMALLY TO TAKE BACK ITS ITEM AND RESOLUTION THIS COULD REFLECT "PROGRESS".

3. SCRANTON SAID THAT HE HOPED OUR SIDE WOULD NOT PLAY UP THIS DEVELOPMENT AS A "GREAT VICTORY".

4. PARK ASKED HOW OTHER SIDE INTENDED TO PUT IN ITS REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL. SCRANTON AGREED TO SEEK DETAILS AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP PARK FULLY INFORMED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS.

5. AMBASSADOR SHERER SHORTLY THEREAFTER TELEPHONED DATCU ON BEHALF OF SCRANTON TO RELAY SOUTH KOREAN REACTION AND TO ASK DETAILS AS TO HOW OTHER SIDE PLANNED WITHDRAW ITS RESOLUTION. DATCU SAID THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE BY MEANS OF "VERY SIMPLE" LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL SIGNED BY ALL COSPONSORS OF PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION. HE SAID THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP WOULD BE MEETING AT 12:20 TO ENDORSE IDEA OF WITHDRAWAL. THIS IDEA WOULD BE PRESENTED TO GROUP BY NORTH KOREANS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THERE WOULD BE MEETING OF ALL COSPONSORS OF PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION TO SIGN LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL. THE LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE DEPOSITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY EVENT BEFORE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE CONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 22. DATCU GAVE HIS ASSURANCES THAT ONCE THE LETTER WAS DEPOSITED THERE WOULD BE NO EFFORTS TO REINSCRIBE A PRO-DPRK ITEM "AT LEAST DURING THIS UNGA." IN RELY TO SHERER'S QUESTION, DATCU SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAD "TAKEN NOTE" WHEN INFORMED OF NORTH KOREAN WISH TO WITHDRAW THE PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION. DATCU PROMISED TO KEEP SCRANTON AND SHERER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. DATCU SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT THE EAST EUROPEANS GROUP HAD ENDORSED WITH WITHDRAWAL AND THAT A MEETING OF ALL PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION'S COSPONSORS WAS SLATED FOR 4:00 PM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

6. FRIENDLY CORE GROUP SCHEDULED TO MEET AT AMBASSADORIAL-CONFIDENTIAL

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LEVEL AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. AT THIS MEETING, US WILL REPORT ON DATCU'S APPROACH TO SCRANTON AS WELL AS, PURSUANT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION (REF B), RECOMMEND COURSE OF ACTION LEADING TO WITHDRAWAL OF FRIENDLY ITEM AS SOON AS OTHER SIDE HAS WITHDRAWN ITS RESOLUTION. SCRANTON UNQTE ROBINSON

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